

Kentucky's 2006 Victims Assistance Conference



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for Victims
of Crime*

March 21-23
Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

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Attorney General Gregory D. Stumbo

Dear Victim Service Provider,



Gregory D. Stumbo is Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Prior to serving as Attorney General, he had a long and distinguished career in the Kentucky General Assembly. He was Kentucky's longest-serving and youngest House Majority Floor Leader, and also holds the distinction

of being the youngest Majority Floor Leader ever elected in the nation. In 2003, he was elected to an unprecedented 10th term to that post, and left his 12th term as a State Representative from Prestonsburg in Floyd County to serve as Attorney General. Earlier in his career, Stumbo served as Assistant Floyd County Attorney and held the position of Martin City Attorney for three years. He was also Trial Commissioner to the Martin County District Court for one year. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and a law degree from the University of Louisville.

I am pleased to announce that the Office of the Attorney General will again host the annual Victims Assistance Conference. Based on the positive feedback we received from last year's structure, this year's conference will again offer general sessions featuring nationally recognized experts and breakout sessions grouped by theme or topic. These include: child abuse, violence against women, methamphetamine, elder abuse and introductory-level topics. The sessions allow participants to learn more about particular areas of interest to them while getting the most benefit from our speakers. Enjoy yourself and expand your knowledge! Please give us your opinions through the conference evaluation forms or feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg D. Stumbo".

Featured Speakers



Tracy Dahmer
*Louisiana Office of
the Attorney General*



Maria Jose T. Fletcher
*Florida Immigrant
Advocacy Center*



Jenny Gomez, M.S., L.P.C., R.P.T.
Betty Ford Center



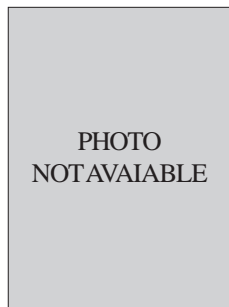
Jennifer Lee, B.S.
*Nat'l. Center for Missing
and Exploited Children*



Laura Rogers, J.D.
*Nat'l. Institute for
Training Child
Abuse Professionals*



Barbara Rubel, M.A.,
B.C.E.T.S., C.B.S
Griefwork Center



Susan B. Somers, J.D.
*New York State Office of
Children and Family
Services*



Hon. Joan "Toni" Stringer
Louisville District Court



Susan Truitt, J.D.
*Nat'l. Center for
Adoption Law and Policy*

Program

Wednesday, March 22

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 - 11:30

- VOCA and VAWA grantee meeting with
Lisa Cobb, Tanya Dickinson, Donna Langley,
Diane Tilley Marcus

10:30 - 1:00 REGISTRATION

1:00 - 1:15 WELCOME AND INTROS

Attorney General Gregory D. Stumbo
Lt. Gov. Stephen B. Pence,

Secretary of Justice & Public Safety Cabinet

1:15 - 2:45 GENERAL SESSION I

Trafficking in Persons

Maria Jose T. Fletcher

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Ctr.

2:45 - 3:00 BREAK

3:00 - 4:30 GENERAL SESSION II

Child Smuggling, Sex Trafficking and Immigration Enforcement: A Kentucky Perspective
Panel of Agents-in-charge for Bowling Green,
Louisville, London and Fort Mitchell, U.S.
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Office of Investigations, Department of Homeland Security

8:00 - 9:15

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

9:15 - 9:30

BREAK

9:30 - 10:45

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

10:45 - 11:00

BREAK

11:00 - 12:15

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

12:15 - 12:30

BREAK

12:30 - 1:45

LUNCH

Always There When You Need Them:

The Role of the Victim Advocate

Honorable Joan "Toni" Stringer

1:45 - 2:00

BREAK

2:00 - 3:15

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV

3:15 - 3:30

BREAK

3:30 - 4:45

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V

Thursday, March 23

8:00 - 9:15

BREAKOUT SESSIONS VI

9:15 - 9:30

BREAK

9:30 - 11:45

GENERAL SESSION III

*Understanding Sudden Traumatic Loss
and*

Enhancing Resiliency in Professionals

Barbara Rubel, M.A., B.C.E.T.S., C.B.S.

Griefwork Center, Inc., New Jersey

11:45 - 12:00

Wrap-up

Wednesday, March 22

9:30 - 10:45 and 2:00 - 3:15

VOCA: Everything You've Wanted to Know
But Were Afraid to Ask

Lisa Cobb and Diane Tilley Marcus

Pre-registration not required for this workshop.

This training qualifies for
7.75 CLE hours and
13.50 CEU hours.

Important General Information

Location: Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY. **Cost:** This conference is funded through a federal grant (CFDA#16.575 Grant #2003-VA-GX-0003) awarded by the Victims of Crime Act, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (CFDA#16.588 Grant #2004-WF-AX-0019) awarded by the Violence Against Women Act, The Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; and the Victims Advocacy Division, Office of the Attorney General. There is no registration fee for this conference, however, transportation and meals are not provided. **Lodging:** Due to budget cuts, the OAG is unable to provide Hotel accommodations this year; however, a block of rooms has been reserved at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort with a reduced daily rate of \$75 for single, double, triple and quad. Conference participants staying at the hotel must make their own reservations by calling Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, (859) 231-5100, and securing them with a personal credit card. Be sure to identify yourself as a Victim Assistance Conference participant. Reserve your room immediately; this block of rooms is on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be released on February 28. **Conference Registration:** Registration for the conference must be made with the Attorney General's Office. The deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Absolutely no registration will be taken beyond that date. If registration is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 24. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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Important Information

- ♦ Registration is limited to 400 people. **Pre-registration is required.**
- ♦ You must send this registration form to the Victims Advocacy Division in order to be registered for the conference.
Registration with the hotel does not register you for the conference.
- ♦ Confirmation for the conference will be sent by the Victims Advocacy Division through postcard or e-mail.
Confirmation for your room, if applicable, must be obtained from the hotel.
- ♦ The guest speaker for the optional luncheon on Wednesday, March 22, will be the Honorable Joan "Toni" Stringer, a District Court Judge in Louisville whose career in public service includes former prosecutor and public defender. Judge Stringer will share insights acquired from her varied perspectives of victim advocates in the court system. There is a charge of \$22.74 for the luncheon. The meal will include tossed garden salad, rolls w/butter, grilled marinated chicken breast w/chipotle lime honey butter, mashed new potatoes, green beans, cake, ice tea and gourmet bean coffee. Please make your check payable to the Office of the Attorney General, and include it with your conference registration. (Your check will be returned if your registration is not confirmed, otherwise the luncheon fee is non-refundable).

Conference Timeline

- Deadline for hotel registration is February 28, 2006. Call the Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, (859) 231-5100, and reserve your room with a personal credit card. **(Remember, lodging is not being provided free of charge this year).**
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REGISTRATION FORM

(This form may be duplicated)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

ZipCode: _____ Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

(Needed for confirmation)

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of the following breakout sessions (select three from each column):

Wed. 8:00 - 9:15	Wed. 9:30 - 10:45	Wed. 11:00 - 12:15	Wed. 2:00 - 3:15	Wed. 3:30 - 4:45	Thur. 8:00 - 9:15
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Please complete this form and return to:

2006 Victims Assistance Conference
Office of the Attorney General
Victims Advocacy Division
1024 Capital Center Dr., Suite 200
Frankfort, KY 40601
FAX (502) 573-8315

☐ Enclosed is my check made out to the *Office of the Attorney General* for \$22.74 to attend lunch on Wednesday, March 22.

I have the following needs:

☐ Mobility ☐ Vegetarian Meals

☐ Other _____

If you need further information, call:
Sharyn Mitchell at (502) 696-5312.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I, Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:15

A. Resources of the Exploited Child Unit

Jennifer Lee, B.S. / National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

This workshop will describe the many types of technical assistance that the NCMEC can provide in child sexual exploitation cases, including the function of the CyberTipline. In addition, this workshop will explain the role of the Child Victim Identification Program and its efforts to identify children currently in sexually abusive situations.

B. Working with Difficult Clients in Domestic Violence Situations

Darlene Thomas, M.S.S.W. / Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program

This workshop will extend beyond dynamics of domestic violence to address the complexity of issues and barriers that the survivor and the “helper” may experience. The participant will gain insight regarding the systemic barriers that complicate the helping process and tools to wade through such barriers.

C. Intro to Investigating and Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases *Laura L. Rogers, J.D. / National Center for Training Child Abuse Professionals*

Child abuse investigations and prosecutions are often perceived as difficult cases to pursue, but they are not insurmountable tasks. This lecture will identify the difficult related issues, such as family dynamics, inconsistent statements, recantation, lack of corroborating evidence, basic investigation and corresponding trial tactics.

D. Childhood Lost: The Effects of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse

Jenny Gomez, M.S., L.P.C., R.P.T. / Betty Ford Center

This presentation will examine the relationship between domestic violence and substance abuse, and explain the difficulties faced by children in these environments and give suggestions for professionals to help them.

E. Guardianship as a Tool to Mitigate Elder Abuse

David Godfrey, J.D. / Access to Justice

Guardianship is an essential tool to defend victims of abuse who are unable to defend themselves or who are compliant in abuse. We will explore when filing for guardianship is appropriate, when it is not, and the guardianship process.

F. Human Trafficking & Slavery: Tools for an Effective Response

Maria Jose T. Fletcher, J.D. / Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center

The presenter will discuss her experience in working with survivors of trafficking, providing basic tools to respond appropriately to the special needs of people who have been trafficked into your community. Through practice/materials and interactive techniques the presenter will address different forms of trafficking, how survivors seek services, and how service providers interface with government agencies. Participants will examine this multi-disciplinary approach to address the needs of survivors and explore the range of roles of governmental and non-governmental agencies.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II, Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:45

A. Understanding Family Court: Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Statutes for Criminal or Civil Court Personnel

Lyn Guarnieri, J.D. / Administrative Office of the Courts

This workshop will give an overview of Kentucky DNA statutes and the child welfare system and is geared toward law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors and other professionals who do not normally participate in Family Court proceedings. Highlights will include discussion on legal timelines and other considerations when working with child victims involved in criminal abuse or domestic violence cases, as well as on-going Family Court cases in which parental rights may be terminated due to such violence.

B. Domestic Violence and Language Barriers

Hon. Angela Bisig / Jefferson District Court

This workshop will use a video showing prosecutors how to effectively communicate with non-English speaking victims. Related domestic violence issues will also be addressed.

C. Elder Abuse 101

Kara Cecil, B.A. / University of Kentucky

This workshop will provide the latest information available on elder abuse nationally as obtained from Adult Protective Services data. The presentation will provide information on reporting numbers, complaints received, categories of abuse, victim information, perpetrator information, and case outcomes. Also presented will be information on elder abuse specific to Kentucky. The presentation will conclude with recommendations for next steps in addressing the problem.

D. Hope and Healing for Children Impacted by Parental Addiction

Jenny Gomez, M.S., L.P.C., R.P.T. / Betty Ford Center

Children from families of addiction are a highly at-risk, yet extremely resilient, population. It is important for professionals to understand the unique issues of these children and become empowered with new tools to utilize when working with them and their families.

E. Elder Abuse: Indicators and Reporting

Sandra Houchen, R.N., B.S.N. / Department of Community Based Services

This session will introduce the participant to Kentucky's Adult Protection Statute, KRS Chapter 209, and will cover reporting requirements, as well as provide an introduction to some basic indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation in the elderly and vulnerable adult population.

F. Navigating the Appellate Process

*Michael L. Harned, J.D. / Office of the Attorney General;
Sara Gibson, M.A. / Office of the Attorney General*

This workshop will discuss a convicted defendant's right to an appeal and the appellate process and will briefly describe other post-conviction remedies available to convicted defendants. It will also discuss the victim notification program provided by the Victims Advocacy Division as it pertains to the appellate process. Services provided to victims and their families at the appellate level will be explained.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III, Wednesday, 11:00 - 12:15

A. Investigating Child Sexual Abuse Cases: Debunking Untrue Defenses

Laura L. Rogers, J.D. / Nat'l. Institute for Training Child Abuse Professionals

Child abuse cases are often investigated only from the prosecution perspective. However, at trial successfully countering untrue defense theories can ultimately be the determining factor to achieving a guilty verdict. The prosecutor's ability to confront a defense is often based on the thoroughness of the investigation. Defense theories and the corresponding investigative and prosecution strategies that allow for a pre-emptive strike against untrue defenses will be presented.

B. Domestic Violence and Recanting Victims

Hon. Jerry Bowles / Jefferson Family Court

This session will discuss why victims of domestic violence may recant, not report abuse, or decline to follow-up with judicial proceedings and how advocates, prosecutors, judges and other professionals in the criminal justice system can appropriately respond. The session will also discuss the importance of keeping offender accountability as the primary goal, rather than focusing on the conduct of the victim.

C. Domestic Violence 101: What You Need to Know to be Supportive of Survivors

Darlene Thomas, M.S.S.W. / Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program

This workshop will address dynamics of domestic violence, power and control, the batterer as parent, and intimate partner sexual assault. Information provided will enhance insight and knowledge of this social issue, its impact on the survivor children, perpetrators, family and the community.

D. Walk Your Land: A Meth Identification Program for Landowners

Holly Hopper, M.R.C. / University of Kentucky

Participants will learn about the program "Walk Your Land" (WYL), a photo identification guide and reporting program for Kentucky landowners and farmers. Contamination risks and clean-up costs will also be discussed. Participants will receive a copy of the WYL brochure and learn how to bring this program to their community.

E. Elder Fatality Review Teams

Jennifer Leibson, J.D., M.A. / Jefferson County Attorney's Office

This presentation will discuss how to begin and maintain an elder fatality review team in your community. Issues addressed are: who should attend, confidentiality issues, mission statements, keeping it blameless, tools to help the process, making sure everyone is heard, and legal issues.

F. Working with Special Needs Crime Victims

Lee Gordon, B.S., M.P.A. / Commission for Children with Special Needs

This session will discuss a wide range of issues in special needs children and adults. It will include some ways in which they become victims as a result of their disabilities, and important factors to consider when working with these clients.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV, Wednesday, 2:00 - 3:15

A. Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases: Countering Untrue Defenses

Laura L. Rogers, J.D. / Nat'l. Institute for Training Child Abuse Professionals

Presenting a child sexual abuse case at trial is unlike any other criminal case. This lecture will discuss a variety of pretrial and trial tactics. Suggestions regarding necessary investigation requirements will be provided. Specific *in limine* motions will be discussed. Trial tactics including voir dire suggestions, trial themes, witness order and preparation as well as expert witnesses will be discussed.

B. Domestic Violence Intake Center: One-stop Shopping for DV Victims

Susan Ely, J.D. / Jefferson County Attorney's Office

This presentation will provide you with an in-depth description of the daily operation of our domestic violence in-take center in Louisville, KY. This center is the result of a multi-agency effort, whereby victims can come to one secure setting to file their emergency protective order and / or criminal complaint, receive victim advocacy and speak directly to a prosecutor.

C. Meth 101

Holly Hopper, M.R.C. / University of Kentucky

Participants will gain general information about the production of methamphetamine, its effects on users, and why this drug has resulted in such a strong national response. Kentucky statistics of use, production, treatment entry and recent trends will also be discussed.

D. State and Federal Investigations of Methamphetamine Laboratories, Part A

Major Mike Sapp, B.S. / Kentucky State Police; Richard Johnson / Drug Enforcement Administration

The Kentucky State Police protocol and recent updates for the investigation of meth labs will be presented.

E. Medical Indicators of Elder Physical and Sexual Abuse

Susan B. Somers / New York State Office of Children and Services

Using material developed by the California District Attorneys Association, this workshop will guide participants through the process of developing evidence for successful prosecution of elder physical and sexual abuse crimes.

F. Domestic Violence and the Workplace

Tracy Dahmer, L.C.S.W. / Louisiana Office of the Attorney General

To assist employers in creating an appropriate response to domestic violence, the Louisiana Department of Justice created the Domestic Violence and the Workplace Initiative, an educational and technical assistance program designed to be an employer's road map to implementing effective DV programs and policies. Attendees will learn the dynamics of the program as well as valuable techniques in working with local and state businesses.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V, Wednesday, 3:30 - 4:45

A. Foster Care and Adoptive Options for Child Victims of Crime

Susan Truitt, J.D. / Nat'l. Center for Adoption Law and Policy

This workshop will provide an overview of the foster care system/ adoptive system, including how children arrive in the system after victimization, the consequences of remaining in the system, and successful approaches to getting children placed in permanent, safe homes. Also included will be an examination of out-of-home foster care options (foster, relative placement or kinship care, and residential placement) and a look at the pros and cons of each type of placement. The session will end with a short discussion of the requirements for termination of parental rights and the benefits of adoption for children and families.

B. CUT IT OUT

Sharon Hilborn, J.D. / Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services

CUT IT OUT is a program of the Salons Against Domestic Abuse Fund, dedicated to mobilizing salon professionals and others to fight the epidemic of domestic abuse in communities across the United States. *CUT IT OUT* builds awareness of domestic abuse and trains salon professionals to recognize warning signs and safely refer clients to local resources. Learn how a 60 minute presentation can change a woman's life.

C. DUI for Dummies

Alan George, J.D. / Woodford County Attorney; Perry Ryan, J.D. / Office of the Attorney General

This workshop is a crash course primer on the basics of Kentucky's driving under the influence law, from the dual perspectives of both a front-line prosecutor and an appellate prosecutor. Learn what is good, what is bad and what needs to be changed in the law.

D. Prosecution of Methamphetamine Cases in State and Federal Courts, Part B

Hydee R. Hawkins, J.D. / U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District; Cynthia Gale Cook, J.D. / 42nd Circuit Commonwealth's Attorney

This workshop will provide an overview of state and federal statutes used to prosecute methamphetamine cases and current case law relating to these types of prosecutions. Also provided will be an overview of how to prepare these cases for trial and common evidentiary issues.

E. Effectively Advocating for Elders

Susan B. Somers, J.D. / New York State Office of Children and Family Services

Elderly victims of abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault often have special needs. This workshop will describe some of these needs and their causes. It will provide advocates with a variety of resources to respond to these needs effectively.

F. Katrina and Rita: The Other Aftermath

Tracy Dahmer, L.C.S.W. / Louisiana Office of the Attorney General

As an example of the ultimate "re-victimization of the victim," the presenter will discuss the impact and implications of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the incidence of elder abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. Events throughout and in the aftermath of hurricanes will be discussed.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS VI, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:15

A. The Nuts and Bolts of Children's Advocacy Centers

Kelly Roberts, M.S.W. / Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass

Children's Advocacy Centers can improve a community's response to child sexual abuse. Find out how using a child-focused, multi-disciplinary approach in partnership with your regional advocacy center can benefit child victims. Find out about the core components, goals, programs and services available.

B. Violence Against Women: The Dental Surgeon's Role

Michael C. Herren, D.M.D. / University of Kentucky; Larry L. Cunningham, Jr., D.D.S., M.D. / University of Kentucky

This presentation will review the definitions of domestic violence, its prevalence and medical associations, and the literature on practitioner attitudes. Screening questions and evaluation recommendations will also be reviewed.

C. Sexual Assault 101

Phyllis H. Millspaugh, M.A. / Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs

This session will offer victim advocates the basics on sexual assault laws, punishments and victim responses. Participants will learn the legal definitions of the various sex crimes in Kentucky statutes and the mandatory reporting definitions and requirements. Also included will be an introduction to Kentucky's Crime Victims Compensation and the confidentiality of records as they relate to rape crisis centers in Kentucky. A brief overview of rape victimology will also be provided.

D. Methamphetamine and Kids

Jim Cecil, D.M.D., M.P.H. / University of Kentucky

This workshop will provide a description of the pathological effects of methamphetamine on the dentition of abusers and methods of preventing harm to children of meth users.

E. Understanding Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation

Nikki Henderson, B.S. / AARP

Participants will be able to identify signs of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation and the risk factors for them. Participants will be able to see how the elderly are targeted and identify how to prevent victimization. KRS Chapter 209 will be reviewed to understand the laws pertaining to elder abuse.

F. Supervised Visitation and Exchange of Kentucky's Children: Safety First!

Teri Faragher, M.S.W. / Domestic Violence Prevention Board; Pat Dintaman, M.Ed. / Family Place; Barbara K. Lowery, M.A. / Sunflower Kids, Inc.; TK Logan, Ph.D. / University of Kentucky; Gail E. Messmer, M.S.W. / Family Nurturing Center

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of several Kentucky supervised visitation and exchange programs, including programs funded by the Violence Against Women Act specifically to serve families with a history of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse or stalking. A panel of providers will give an overview of programs, discuss their strengths and limitations, demonstrate the process through slides, and review current literature regarding the issue, as well as provide for discussion and input.

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